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THE AMBASSADOR IN JAPAN (GREW) TO THE SECRETARY
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8. The Minister on his own initiative then turned to the subject of the so-called "South Sea advance" and made to me the following confidential oral statement:

"We understand that, since the military occupation of Hainan Island by Japan and the placing of the Sinnan Gunto (Spratly Islands) under the jurisdiction of the Formosan Government General, rumors have spread, giving the impression as though Japan entertained some territorial designs toward the South Seas; that as a result certain interested countries are apprehensive, and that even some Americans have a similar apprehension with regard to the Philippines. The Japanese Government consider it regrettable from the standpoint of Japanese-American friendship that such apprehension has been aroused. They are, therefore prepared, if the United States Government should desire that some step be taken by the Japanese Government for the purpose of dispelling such apprehension, to enter into conversation with the United States Government."

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駐日大使 (クルー) より國務長官宛
東京發 一九三九年(昭和十四年)五月十八日午後七時
五月十八日午前十時三十分發信

技 幸

ハ、大臣、自ラ話題ハ所謂南洋進出問題ニ關シ、口頭ニ於
テ、如キ機密ノ陳述スル。

「日本軍、南洋島嶼ヲ領以來、又新南洋群島ニ進出スルニ
群島ヲ臺灣總督、管轄下ニ置キ、以來、日本ガ南洋
洋ニ領土的野心ヲ抱キ、如キ印象ヲ與クル時ハ、
擴ガリ、其、結果、或ハ利害關係ヲ有スル國々ノ危機、念
ヲ抱キ、尙米國人、中ニサケモ、比島ニ關シテ同様ノ懸念
ヲ有スル者ハ、コレヲ我々、知シテ居リマス。日本政府ハ、
此、様ノ懸念ヲ生セシメタコトヲ、日米親善、立場カニ
遺憾ニ思ヒテ居リマス。ソレ故ニ、斯ナル懸念ヲ拭
キ去ル爲ニ日本政府ニ於テ何時カ、手段ヲ講スルコト
ヲ合衆國政府ガ希望スルナリ、何時カ、合衆國政府
ト會議スル用意ガアリマス。」

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